

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) A method for configuring a browser program executable on a computer connected to a network of computers, wherein the browser program is configurable according to at least two predefined time-based browser settings, the method comprising:

providing a different predetermined time-value for each of the at least two predefined time-based browser settings;

determining whether either of the different predetermined time-values is satisfied with respect to a current time; and

if so, configuring the browser program with the one of the at least two browser settings corresponding to the satisfied predetermined time-value.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the predetermined time-values are user-defined.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the predetermined time-values are a day and time of day.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the one of the two browser settings comprises at least one browser toolbar configuration.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the toolbar configuration comprises at least one configuration selected from the group consisting of a standard toolbar, a navigation toolbar, an address toolbar, and a user-defined toolbar.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the one of the at least two browser settings comprises a setting for at least one previously visited network address accessed by the browser program.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, after configuring the browser program, further comprising:

receiving at least one electronic document containing at least one network address;

determining whether the network address within the electronic document is the at least one previously visited network address; and

if so, rendering the electronic document in a manner indicating the network addresses within the document as being visited.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, wherein the network addresses are stored as bookmarks.

10. (Previously Presented) A signal-bearing medium containing a program for configuring a browser program executable on a computer connected to a network of computers, wherein the browser program is configurable according to at least two predefined time based browser settings, the configuration program when executed by a processor, performs a method, comprising:

providing a different predetermined time-value for each of the at least two predefined time-based browser settings;

determining whether either of the different predetermined time-values is satisfied with respect to a current time; and

if so, configuring the browser program with the one of the at least two browser settings corresponding to the satisfied predetermined time-value.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously Presented) The signal-bearing medium of claim 10, wherein the predetermined time-values are user-defined.

13. (Previously Presented) The signal-bearing medium of claim 10, wherein the predetermined time-values are a day and time of day.

14. (Previously Presented) The signal-bearing medium of claim 10, wherein the one of the two browser settings comprises at least one browser toolbar configuration.

15. (Original) The signal-bearing medium of claim 14, wherein the toolbar configuration comprises at least one configuration selected from the group consisting of a standard toolbar, a navigation toolbar, an address toolbar, and a user-defined toolbar.

16. (Previously Presented) The signal-bearing medium of claim 10, wherein the one of the at least two browser settings comprises a setting for at least one previously visited network address accessed by the browser program.

17. (Previously Presented) The signal-bearing medium of claim 16, after configuring the browser program, further comprising:

receiving at least one electronic document containing at least one network address;

determining whether the network address within the electronic document is a the at least one previously visited network address; and

if so, rendering the electronic document in a manner indicating the network addresses within the document as being visited.

18. (Original) The signal-bearing medium of claim 16, wherein the network addresses are stored as bookmarks.

19-25. (Canceled)

26. (Previously Presented) A Web browser resident in memory, comprising:
a plurality of time-based browser settings;
a plurality of predetermined time-values, wherein each of the plurality of predetermined time-values corresponds to one of the plurality of time-based browser settings; and
configuration code for configuring the browser with each of the plurality of time-based browser settings when the corresponding predetermined time-value is satisfied by a current time.
27. (Previously Presented) The Web browser of claim 26, wherein at least one of the plurality of time-based browser settings comprises a browser toolbar configuration.
28. (Previously Presented) The Web browser of claim 26, wherein the each of the plurality of time-based browser settings specifies a different previously visited network addresses file.
29. (Previously Presented) The Web browser of claim 26, wherein the each of the plurality of time-based browser settings specifies a different bookmark file.
30. (Previously Presented) The Web method of claim 26, wherein the each of the plurality of time-based browser settings specifies a different homepage network address.
31. (Previously Presented) A method of configuring a browser differently based on a current time, comprising:
upon launching the browser, loading a first set of browser configuration settings based on a determination of the current time; and
after the expiration of some time, loading a second set of browser configuration settings based on a determination of the current time.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, wherein the first set of browser configuration settings has an associated first time value and the second set of browser configuration settings has an associated second time value different from the first time value, and wherein the loading is performed when the respective time values satisfy the current time.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, wherein the first and second sets of browser configuration settings specify different home page network addresses.